

La Castella.

Dear Capt

Your nice long
letter reached me yesterday

I am glad you are having
such a good time but it
does not surprise me
I know what a visit to
Cousin Mary's means.

?1 The blind man has
recovered his sight, that
is his money, & the blinds
are all satisfactory.

?2 The Electric man is
going slow, there being
a hitch in the electricity.
I think they must have
used it all up for thunder
storms, or hanging purposes.
A thing called a "transformer"
fails to materialize. The
chandeliers are wrapped
from the flies, in newspapers
& old aprons. She has no
graces, goodness.

?3 The new cook stove is a
satisfactory reality.

?4 You must wait & see

which is your bedroom
It has lots of room for Harold
& the other boys. The upper
floor is about stone grand
carpet was put down yesterday
& she is coming home to quarrels
The parlor carpets etc
are promised for Wednesday
I don't know what day that
means probably the end
of the week. Ida is still
frothing along, some days
she does quite decently
when she can keep her
mind off the Harlem Boys
in other words the "Dutchman"
I am trying almost hopelessly
to fill her place. I wonder
she stays. I blow her up so
constantly. She was out all
night last night at a party.
She burns every thing she
cooks, & keeps all the door
knobs, teapot handles &
such things so sticky that
I have taken to carrying round
a handkerchief to touch things
with. Did I tell you I cut my
left hand forefinger quite
severely a week ago, & had to
do all my work with it wrapped
up & sticking straight out.
It is nearly well now, but tender.
Auntie & a buggy load have been
over three times since we moved

I think I have told you all there
is of particular interest
I hope you are my own good
boy, giving as little trouble
as possible, & making your
stay, as pleasant to the others
as it is to yourself. Ed & Nettie
Himmigway called the other
night. It is very quiet up
here & feels a long way from
everywhere. I want a boy with
a bicycle very badly.
Wonder how you & Mother



Leicester C. Hall
Charles City.
Floyd Co.

% B. J. Bailey. Iowa.

